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Mr. Phil Anderson
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Dear Phil:

Thank you for working on the whiting issue at the September Pacific Council meeting. I think your assistance was invaluable to reaching the most constructive resolution under difficult circumstances. While extremely strict conservation measures are in place to protect Dork Blotch and Canary, we at least have an opportunity to complete our fishery. For our crew, 85% of whom live in Washington-Oregon-California, it will mean over \$400,000 in compensation. It will take a combination of a little luck and careful management. We'll let you know how it turns out.

My impression is that some Council members do not understand how the Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative conducts the off-shore whiting fishery and that we need to do a better job communicating our story. We will try harder to do that.

Best regards,

John Bundy